

**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION (JOINT OR SOLE)**  
(Under 37 CFR § 1.63; with Power of Attorney)  
**CURTIS, MORRIS & SAFFORD, P.C. File No. 45010-3752**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:  
• My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,  
I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an  
original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed  
and for which a patent is sought on the invention ENTITLED:

**INFORMATION RETRIEVAL APPARATUS AND METHOD**

the specification of which

X is attached hereto.

\_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, with  
amendment(s) through \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable, give dates).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified  
specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information  
known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign  
application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign  
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which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)	(List additional applications on separate page):	Priority Claimed:		
Number:	Country:	Filed (Day/Month/Year):	Yes	No
07-334445	Japan	22/12/95	X	

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States  
application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is  
not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title  
35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark  
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Regulations, Sec. 1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the  
national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Prior U.S. Application(s)	(List additional applications on separate page):	Status (patented, pending, abandoned):
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transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office and in the Courts in connection therewith, and  
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all  
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imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false  
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Independent Inventor, Small Business Concern, Nonprofit Organization, Individual Non-Inventor).